

## HONEY

Honey production from beekeepers with five or more hives in New York totaled 5.88 million pounds during 2002. This total is up 58 percent from the 2001 production of 3.71 million pounds.

The 2002 production was extracted from 60,000 colonies, up 13 percent from the 53,000 colonies in 2001. Honey yield per colony averaged 98 pounds, 40 percent above the 2001 yield. Honey stocks on hand across the State as of 2002 totaled 2.47 million pounds, a increase of 39 percent from the 1.78 million pounds a year earlier.

Prices received by beekeepers in New York averaged \$1.17 per pound for all methods of sale during 2002, 48 percent more than the 2001 average price of 79.0 cents. Value of honey production for the State in 2002 totaled \$6.88 million, compared with \$2.93 million in 2001.

Table 58. **HONEY:** Production and Value, New York, 1993-2002 <sup>1/</sup>

| Year | Colonies<br>of bees<br><u>1,000</u> | Yield per<br>colony<br><u>Pounds</u> | Production<br><u>1,000 lbs.</u> | Price per<br>pound<br><u>Dollars</u> | Total<br>value<br><u>1,000 dol.</u> | Stocks on<br>Dec. 15<br><u>1,000 lb.</u> |
|------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1993 | 65                                  | 62                                   | 4,030                           | .63                                  | 2,539                               | 1,733                                    |
| 1994 | 68                                  | 68                                   | 4,624                           | .63                                  | 2,913                               | 2,451                                    |
| 1995 | 70                                  | 75                                   | 5,250                           | .71                                  | 3,728                               | 2,100                                    |
| 1996 | 68                                  | 80                                   | 5,440                           | .89                                  | 4,842                               | 2,557                                    |
| 1997 | 72                                  | 60                                   | 4,320                           | .85                                  | 3,672                               | 2,246                                    |
| 1998 | 65                                  | 80                                   | 5,200                           | .70                                  | 3,640                               | 2,444                                    |
| 1999 | 69                                  | 70                                   | 4,830                           | .66                                  | 3,188                               | 2,077                                    |
| 2000 | 58                                  | 80                                   | 4,640                           | .55                                  | 2,552                               | 2,274                                    |
| 2001 | 53                                  | 70                                   | 3,710                           | .79                                  | 2,931                               | 1,781                                    |
| 2002 | 60                                  | 98                                   | 5,880                           | 1.17                                 | 6,880                               | 2,470                                    |

<sup>1/</sup> For apiaries with 5 or more colonies.

## MINK

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2001 totaled 2.57 million pelts, down 4 percent from 2000. New York produced 5,500 pelts in 2001, down 700 pelts from 2000. The average United States price per pelt for the 2001 crop year was \$33.50, down from \$34.00 in 2000.

Seven mink operations in New York had 1,500 females bred to produce pelts in 2002.

In the Nation there were 324 mink farms producing pelts in 2001, down 7 percent from a year ago. Female mink bred to produce kits in 2002 totaled 620,500, down 1 percent from the previous year.

Table 59. **MINK:** Females Bred to Produce Kits, 1993-2002 and Pelts Produced, New York and United States, 1993-2001

| Year               | New York      |                   |                                     | United States |                   |                               |                        |                                     |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                    | Mink<br>Farms | Pelts<br>Produced | Females Bred<br>to Produce<br>Pelts | Mink<br>Farms | Pelts<br>Produced | Average<br>Marketing<br>Price | Value of<br>Mink Pelts | Females Bred<br>to Produce<br>Pelts |
|                    | <u>Number</u> | <u>Number</u>     | <u>Number</u>                       | <u>Number</u> | <u>1,000</u>      | <u>Dollars</u>                | <u>Million Dollars</u> | <u>Number</u>                       |
| 1993               | 12            | 38,300            | 14,100                              | 523           | 2,620             | 34.10                         | 89.3                   | 714,500                             |
| 1994               | 12            | 45,600            | 15,000                              | 484           | 2,623             | 33.00                         | 86.6                   | 726,200                             |
| 1995               | 11            | 20,800            | 7,600                               | 478           | 2,803             | 53.10                         | 148.8                  | 727,900                             |
| 1996               | 11            | 20,100            | 7,200                               | 449           | 2,783             | 35.30                         | 98.2                   | 703,100                             |
| 1997               | 8             | 23,000            | 6,800                               | 452           | 2,993             | 33.10                         | 99.1                   | 749,700                             |
| 1998               | 10            | 30,500            | 6,200                               | 438           | 2,938             | 24.80                         | 72.9                   | 733,300                             |
| 1999               | 8             | 5,900             | 2,000                               | 398           | 2,813             | 33.70                         | 94.8                   | 672,700                             |
| 2000 <sup>1/</sup> | 7             | 6,200             | 2,000                               | 350           | 2,666             | 34.00                         | 90.6                   | 664,900                             |
| 2001 <sup>2/</sup> | 7             | 5,500             | 2,000                               | 324           | 2,565             | 33.50                         | 85.9                   | 629,500                             |
| 2002 <sup>2/</sup> | <sup>3/</sup> | <sup>3/</sup>     | 1,500                               | <sup>3/</sup> | <sup>3/</sup>     | <sup>3/</sup>                 | <sup>3/</sup>          | 620,500                             |

<sup>1/</sup> Revised based on additional information.

<sup>2/</sup> Data are preliminary.

<sup>3/</sup> Available July 15, 2003.